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1. RESPONSIBLE BELGIAN MFA OFFICIALS WERE UNAVAILABLE
EARLIER THIS WEEK. ON MAY 25, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TOOK UP
THIS SUBJECT WITH JAN HOLLANTS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL
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FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HOLLANTS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY
DE BREUCKER OF THE MFA'S OECD AFFAIRS OFFICE.

2. HOLLANTS AND DE BREUCKER INDICATED THAT INITIAL RE-
PORTING BY THE BELGIAN OECD AMBASSADOR AFTER THE MAY 23
MEETING EXPRESSES HIS AND OTHER EUROPEANS' RESERVE ABOUT
ATTACHING DOCUMENT CES/78.46 OR ANY OTHER SECRETARIAT

PAPER TO A MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE NEXT MONTH. NEITHER THE BELGIAN OECD MISSION NOR AUTHORITIES IN BRUSSELS HAVE DEVELOPED ANY FIRM VIEWS THUS FAR ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE SECRETARIAT'S PAPERS AND ARE UNLIKELY TO DO SO UNTIL AFTER NEXT WEEK'S EXPERTS AND EPC MEETINGS.

3. ECONOMIC COUNSELOR MADE REPRESENTATION AS PER REFTTEL, URGING THAT BELGIUM GIVE THIS SUBJECT SERIOUS ATTENTION AND SEND APPROPRIATE POLICY LEVEL OFFICIALS TO PARIS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MEETINGS. HOLLANTS AND DE BREUCKER SAID THAT THE BELGIAN MISSION WOULD BE LED BY PLAN DIRECTOR ROBERT MALDAGUE (WHOSE POSITION IS AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS A JUNIOR MINISTER OR UNDERSECRETARY). MALDAGUE IS A COMPETENT AND EXPERIENCED ECONOMIST WHO REPORTS DIRECTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BELGIAN EXPERTS FROM THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND, PERHAPS, THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. CHAMBERS

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